

## **CHAPTER 5: COMPLIANCE, CONSULTATION, AND COORDINATION**

### **Compliance**

This environmental assessment has been prepared in part to fulfill National Park Service obligations for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1500 – 1508) and the Department of Interior (516 DM), which require federal agencies to consider the environmental effects of proposed federal actions on the human environment.

Documentation of compliance by the National Park Service with federal and state laws and regulations is included in the text of this document. Specifically, the National Park Service has consulted informally with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that any action considered in this analysis does not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or critical habitat in accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to ensure that any federal undertaking considered in this analysis does not affect historic resources in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. An opportunity for formal consultation by these agencies also is provided through issuance of this document.

### **Consultation and Coordination**

The environmental-assessment process also provides an opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views and fulfills National Park Service requirements for coordination with agencies, organizations, and the general public. More than 270 individuals, organizations, and agencies responded to the initial scoping notice for this assessment. In addition, the National Park Service has held informal and formal meetings with representatives of Saddleback Ski Area, the Rangeley Region Economic Growth Organization, the Appalachian Trail Conference, and the Maine Appalachian Trail Club to develop and refine the alternatives and issues to be considered in this environmental assessment.

In addition to seeking input from individuals, organizations, and the general public in response to this environmental assessment, the National Park Service and its contractors have sought and are continuing to seek comments from the following agencies and organizations:

Town of Rangeley  
P.O. Box 347  
Rangeley, ME 04970

Franklin County  
Main Street  
Farmington, ME 04938

Western Mountains Alliance  
P.O. Box 29  
Farmington, ME 04938

Maine Natural Areas Program  
93 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Rangeley Region Economic  
Growth Organization  
P.O. Box 676  
Rangeley, ME 04970

Maine Department of Inland  
Fisheries and Wildlife  
41 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Office of the Assessors  
Sandy River Plantation  
HC 32, P.O. Box 4650  
Rangeley, ME 04970

Maine Forest Service  
22 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Environmental Protection Agency  
New England Region  
J.F. Kennedy Building  
Boston, MA 02203

USDA Natural Resource  
Conservation Service  
2 Park Street  
Farmington, ME 04938

Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands  
22 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04330

Maine Department of Inland Fish and  
Wildlife  
650 State Street  
Bangor, ME 04401

Maine Department of Conservation  
22 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Saddleback Ski Area  
P.O. Box 490  
Rangeley, ME 04970

Maine Office of State Planning  
38 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Vermont Institute of Natural Science  
RR2, Box 532  
Woodstock, VT 05091

Maine Historic Preservation  
Commission  
65 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333

Maine Appalachian Trail Club  
RFD 3, Box 3324  
Farmington, ME 04938

Appalachian Trail Conference  
P.O. Box 807  
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
1033 South Main Street  
Old Town, ME 04468

Maine Land Use Regulation  
Commission  
22 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333